



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANCER CLAIMS AND HAIR RELAXERS AND STRAIGHTENERS

Consumers may have the idea that if a cosmetic product is on the shelf, it has been approved by [the Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#). This is not the case. The only cosmetic product or ingredient which must be approved by the FDA is color additive. Makeup, soaps and lotions, nail and hair products do not require approval.

Manufacturers of hair relaxing products failed to study whether their products have any life-threatening side effects. If you have developed [certain cancers](#) and have been a frequent user of a hair relaxer product, you may be entitled to compensation and should contact a North Carolina personal injury attorney as soon as possible.

WHY YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION DUE TO HAIR RELAXER CHEMICALS

People who suffer harm from a hair relaxant may qualify for compensation via the legal principles of product liability law. Under product liability law, product manufacturers can be held liable for any harm caused by their product if it is deemed unreasonably dangerous or somehow defective. In the case of hair relaxants, this could include the following:

- The hair relaxer and straighteners contain formaldehyde and other Endocrine disrupting chemicals.
- Those chemicals cause hormone-sensitive cancers.
- The manufacturer failed to disclose known risks.
- The manufacturer failed to review these products for defects.

If you suspect your cancer may be associated with a hair relaxant, a North Carolina personal injury lawyer can help you understand your legal options for holding the manufacturer accountable.

EXAMPLES OF HAIR RELAXERS

The Journal of the National Cancer Institute published a [study](#) with epidemiological evidence of “association between use of straightening products” and cancer. The brands of products of concern are:

- Olive Oil Relaxer™
- Optimum Care®
- Organic Root Stimulator™
- Soft & Beautiful®
- Brazilian Blowout®
- Crème of Nature®
- Dark & Lovely®
- Just for Me®
- Motions®

These products are produced by companies which include L’Oréal USA, Namaste Laboratories, Godrej SON Holdings, Strength of Nature, SoftSheen-Carson, and Dabur.

TYPES OF CANCERS ASSOCIATED WITH HAIR RELAXERS

The report published by the Journal of the National Cancer Institute includes the linking of the following cancers to hair relaxing or straightening products:

- Uterine Cancer
- Ovarian Cancer
- Endometrial Cancer

The [Washington Post reported](#) on the first lawsuit that has been filed in the state of Illinois.

You may be entitled to compensation if your cancer is deemed to be linked to the use of hair straightener or relaxant products. A North Carolina personal injury lawyer can seek compensation for the following losses:

- Your current and future medical expenses.
- Any current or future income you have lost due to the cancer or illness.
- Loss of earning capacity.
- Loss of enjoyment of life.
- Your pain and suffering.

In some cases, your cancer could result in a long-term or even permanent disability. As a result, your claim could be substantial, and you should not make any decisions without first consulting with an experienced North Carolina personal injury lawyer.

HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

The time frame to file a products liability lawsuit is limited, and it has already begun, so it is essential to act quickly.

CONTACT A NORTH CAROLINA PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER AT MARTIN & JONES TODAY

Don't jeopardize your claim by waiting – contact us today to discuss your case and the options you have. We have 40 years of experience in helping people obtain fair compensation for injuries caused by defective products. If you suspect that you have suffered harm because of a hair relaxant or straightener, call us today at 800.662.1234 to schedule a free consultation.

